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To My Clients.

MANY THANKS for all congratulatory letters, prize reports and kind statements. To prospective customers I might state that, to be successful, care must be taken in purchasing new varieties, and stocks should be purchased from none but reliable growers. Always remember, it pays to buy the best. As proof here I list a few of the championships awarded my Dahlias at the leading shows this season.

YARRA JUNCTION—Champion Decorative, Giant Hyb., Med. Hyb., Charm, and Grand Champion.

GOULBURN—Champion Decorative, Giant Hyb., Med. Hyb., and Grand Champion.

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CONDITIONS OF SALES.—All stock sent out is guaranteed to be true to name, also to arrive in good growing condition, after which my responsibility ceases. In all branches of gardening there is always a limited number of failures, due to causes beyond my control, such as adverse weather conditions, inexperienced planting, cultivation, attack by insect pests, etc., which render it impossible for me to guarantee your success. But healthy, true to name stock supplied by me assures you of prospects above the average of obtaining blooms in Championship class.

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PACKING.—Plants are packed in moss. Packed in this way they arrive in perfect condition. I make no charge for packing.

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You are safe to buy from this catalogue, as all varieties have been thoroughly tested out, and grown under ideal conditions. Only selected, clean, healthy stock is used for propagation, and last, but not least—DESCRIPTIONS ARE WITHOUT EXAGGERATION.

MODERN STIFF STEM, INCLUDING NEW VARIETIES.

Decorative and Hyb. Cactus Dahlias

(D.)—Decorative.

(H.C.)—Hybrid or Semi-Cactus.

Tubers available September and October. Plants from the end of November.

All Goods subject to being available at time of proposed delivery.

ANDREA'S SELECTA (H.C.)—A lovely 5 to 6 inch pink, on long stiff stems. Plants only 2/-.

ARK ROYAL (H.C.)—Wine red with dark velvety sheen; a huge, heavy type Hyb. on long strong stems. Plants only 2/6.

ADELAIDE WHITE (H.C.)—An outstanding 6 to 8 inch pure white, with formation that places it in championship class. Plants only 3/-.

ALFREDA (H.C.)—A beautiful shade of rose on a yellow base, 8 to 9 inch blooms on long perfect stems; a fine variety. Plants only 2/6.

AXFORD TRIUMPH (D.)—Deep apricot. Probably the largest and finest in this colour. Blooms, 10 to 12 inch, have perfect type stiff stems and centre that remains full all season. Ribbon winner 1943. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.

AXFORD PRIDE (D.)—Lavender, edged deeper lavender; 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-.

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BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (H.C.)—Undoubtedly the finest white to date. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

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BLACK MAGIC (H.C.)—Deep rich velvety crimson with a lovely glowing sheen. Blooms, 6 to 8 inch, have beautiful formation, great depth and do not fade. An outstanding variety. Champion med. Hyb. 1943 at Yarra Junction and Croydon. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.

BERRIE (H.C.)—Orange, 5 to 6 inch, with great depth; florets are narrow and build up a bloom with perfect formation. Winner of best exhibit, 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.

BRIAR ROSE (H.C.)—You will be adding a gem to your collection with this irresistible pink. It has perfect form, centres that hold until season's end; 4 to 5 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.

CLARA CARDER (D.)—Cyclamen pink. Size 11 in., 12 in. Plants 1/6.

CONSUL GENERAL QUIST (H.C.)—A magnificent dahlia of large size, 8 to 10 inch, and great depth. Colour is a delicate shell pink, shading lighter towards tips of florets. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

CROYDON ELITE (D.)—Mustard yellow with light suffusion of scarlet; an outstanding giant. Blooms from 10 to 12 inch, have good formation, long stiff stems and full centre all season. Plants, 3/6; Tubers, 6/- net.

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- CROYDON DELIGHT (D.)—Lemon, shaded pink at tips and reverse; 10 to 11 inch. Plants 2/6.
- CERISE BEAUTY (H.C.)—Cerise, a well formed Hyb. carried on perfect stems; size to 9 inch. Plants only 2/6.
- CROYDON VIOLET (D.)—Naphthalene violet; one of the best in this colour; 9 to 11 inch, with great depth. Plants only 2/6.
- DARCY SAINSBURY (D.)—Pure white. Size 9 in. Plants 1/6.
- DAYBREAK (D.)—Lemon, heavily overlaid orange scarlet. Blooms up to 11 in. Best of its colour. Plants 2/-.
- DON SOWTON (D.)—Mallow purple. 10 to 11 inch. Plants 2/-.
- DUKE OF WINDSOR (D.)—Dark red, 9 to 11 inch. Plants, 2/-.
- DULCIE MAY (H.C.)—Peach pink on lemon yellow base. A variety possessing every good quality; 8 to 9 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- DON'S SUNRISE (H.C.)—Yellow base overlaid rich rose pink. Our most spectacular Hyb. with blooms 9 to 10 inch, on extra long stems; centres remain closed all season. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- DOMINANT (H.C.)—Lilac rose to yellow at centre; 8 to 9 inch blooms, with great refinement. Plants 2/-.
- ENKART PRIMA (H.C.)—Beautiful rich salmon with golden yellow centre; blooms 9 to 10 inch. A magnificent dahlia, and one of the best in this type to date. Champion 1940-41-42. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/-.
- ELVA M. HASLAM (H.C.)—Cream flushed lemon. Blooms 6 to 7 inch. Have lovely refined formation. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- ELAINE BUTLER (D.)—Outstanding 9 inch formal, with extra long stems; colour is a beautiful rich peach. Championship winner. Plants only 2/6.
- FRANCES HENRY (D.)—Golden apricot, salmon shading. A large informal, 9 to 10 inch, with great depth; easy to grow and retains size and centre all season. An award of merit dahlia, and very outstanding. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- FREDA GEORGE (D.)—Soft cream overlaid helio. Blooms of very large size. Retain centre all season. Plants 2/-.
- FRAU O. BRACHT (H.C.)—Primrose yellow; very large, perfect blooms. Frau O. Bracht is a sure champion. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- FRANCES (H.C.)—Golden amber, deeper at centre. A 9 inch and over heavy type Hyb. carried on long stiff stems. Plants only 2/6.
- FERNIE ELITE (H.C.)—A deep scarlet that does not fade; blooms 6 to 8 inch with perfect formation on long stiff stems; one of the very best. Championship winner 1943. Plants, 2/-.
- GUNYAH GLORY (H.C.)—Violet blooms, 9 to 10 inch, have great depth and extra long, stiff stems. A very tall grower; the best violet to date. Champion 1942. Plants 2/6; Tubers 3/6.
- GOLDEN AGE (H.C.)—Amber bronze. The best of its colour. 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- G. W. HUTCHINSON (H.C.)—Outstanding prize winner since 1935. Large to very large magnificent flowers of perfect formation and great depth are carried on long stiff stems. Colour is rich, brilliant yellow. Championship winner 1943 at Canterbury, Sandringham and Yarra Junction. Plants, 2/-; Tubers, 3/-.
- GLORY OF WAHROONGA (H.C.)—Cream, lightly suffused lemon; blooms to 8 inch, have perfect formation and stems; one of the best. Plants only 2/6.
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- GOULBURN (H.C.)—Bronzy apricot; blooms grow easily to 10 inch; have great refinement, long stiff stems, and centres that hold all season. This variety should be grown naturally, not pinched out. Championship winner. Plants 2/6; Tubers 4/-;
- ILLAWARRA (D.)—Gold shading to deep bronze at centre. Size up to 11 inches. An outstanding dahlia. Champion, 1940-41-42. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- JOAN BLACK (H.C.)—Light bronze shading to apricot, has perfect formation. Large size, 9½ inch; good depth and long, strong stems. Blooms retain size and centre until season's end. An outstanding exhibition variety and the best in this colour to date. Championship winner in Victoria and South Australia, 1940-41-42. Plants 2/6; Tubers 3/6.
- JOSEPHINE CASPER (H.C.)—A 7 to 8 inch beautiful rich yellow, with perfect form and stems; an outstanding variety that stands up to all weather conditions. Plants 2/-.
- LADY GALWAY (D.)—A massive deep yellow of huge size; centre holds until season's end. Plants 3/.
- MILLGROVE (H.C.) (Heavy Type)—Deep rose pink; probably the largest in this type to date, as blooms grow up to 12 inch, with good depth, and have long, strong stems. Very showy in the garden, and should win at those shows which have a largest bloom section. Champion, 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- Mrs. FRED OLIVER (H.C.)—Clear red; its beautiful colour, perfect formation and long stiff stems makes this med. to large Hyb. very outstanding. Plants only 2/6.
- Mrs. HAMMERTON (H.C.)—Salmon shaded mauve, lemon at base of petals; size to 9 inch; good for all purposes. Plants, 2/6.
- Miss NEW ZEALAND (D.)—Rich buff; blooms have good formation, long stiff stems and retain centre until late season; size, 10 to 12 inch. Plants, 2/6.
- MEMORIES (D.)—Pink formal of good type and perfect stems; size, 8 inch. Plants, 2/-.
- MADAM G. PEZANT (Cactus)—Probably the best stiff stemmed exhibition cactus to date. Blooms are perfectly formed, fully in-curved and of largest size. Colour is red. Plants 2/-; Tubers 4/-.
- MARIE ROSE (D.)—Informal; colour a beautiful shade of mauve pink; 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-.
- MOYUA (H.C.)—A beautiful rich shade of pink blooms, have good formation, perfect centre and long, stiff stems. Size 9 to 10 inch. An outstanding Hyb. Champion 1941. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- MRS. DUNCAN GUY (D.)—Beautiful clear pink, shading to cream at base of florets; 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- MRS. C. J. SOWTON (D.)—Pinkish cinnamon. 10 to 12 inch. Plants 2/-.
- MAGNIFICENT (D.)—Apricot, with sunset tinge; 10 to 12 inch; one of the largest and best with extra long stems. Plants 2/6 Tubers 4/-.
- MRS. CHAS. NELSON (D.)—Golden amber, 9 to 10 inch, with beautiful formation and great depth. A Blue Ribbon winner, and one of the most outstanding in this section. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
- M. E. NATHAN (D.)—Vieux-rose; giant blooms 9 to 11 inch of reflex form and great depth are carried on perfect stems, centre remains closed all season. Type conforms to all Australian standards. Easily the best of its colour, and in Championship class. Plants, 4/-; Tubers, 7/6 net.
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- NAGEL'S BIJOU (H.C.)—Soft salmon orange; 5 to 6 inch. Plants 1/6.
- NIEW AMSTERDAM (H.C.)—Rose pink, with gold shadings; 9 inch blooms on rigid stems. A good stand-by. Plants only 2/-.
- PINK ELEGANCE (H.C.)—Pure pink. Blooms 5 to 6 inch, with long, narrow florets. Plants 2/-.
- POP HARRIS (D.)—The most outstanding red to date, and equal to any other decorative in cultivation. Colour is a brilliant rich vivid scarlet, and blooms, which will keep for days when cut, can easily be grown to 12 inches with great depth and perfect refinement. Stems are 100 per cent., and centres remain closed all season. Type conforms to all Australian standards. Pop is the best of all informal giants, and should win over any other decorative. In 1942 it was Blue Ribbon winner at Footscray and Murrumbena. In 1943 Blue Ribbon and/or Champion winner at Goulburn, Seddon, Croydon, Footscray, Skipton, Northcote, Yarraville, Pascoe Vale, Coburg and Wangaratta. Plants, 3/- Tubers, 7/6.
- PAMELA M. JOYCE (D.)—This magnificent yellow informal can easily be grown to 12 inches with good depth; it has a perfect stem, broad petals that are slightly pointed and full centre all season. The most outstanding yellow informal seen for years. Championship winner 1943. Plants only 5/- net.
- RED MEMORY (H.C.)—A medium to large red with narrow petals slightly incurved, long strong stems. Plants, 2/-.
- RAMONA (H.C.)—Brilliant orange flame; 5 to 6 inch. Plants 1/6.
- RITA BETTY (D.)—Size up to 12 inch. Colour is a delightful fusion of henna and cinnamon, one of the finest decoratives in cultivation. Champion 1938-9-41-42. Plants 2/-.
- RUBY LOXTON (D.)—A pink dahlia of huge size. Plants 2/-.
- ROBERTS' CREAM (H.C.)—Light cream, with lemon flush. Blooms 6 to 7 inch, with good depth, long, stiff stems, and perfect centres until season's end; very outstanding. Winner of Best Medium, Royal, 1942. Plants 2/6; Tubers 4/-.
- RED TRIUMPH (H.C.)—Outstanding deep crimson Hyb. that does not fade; 8 inch blooms, have perfect formation and stems. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- ROSALIND (H.C.)—Deep old rose with lighter tips; its beautiful colour, perfect refined formation, and stiff stems places this med. to large Hyb. in championship class. Plants only 3/- net.
- ROSALIE GIANT (D.)—A massive flower of exhibition standard on long strong stems. Colour, rose; size, up to 12 inch. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.
- RUTH NICHOLAS (D.)—The best lavender for years. Its size, 9 to 11 inch, great depth and perfect formation, easily places it in championship class. Championship winner 1943 at Preston and Sandringham. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.
- STRALIA (H.C.)—White, lightly suffused lavender. It has perfect formation, large size, 8 inch; long, stiff stems, and retains centre until late season. Plants 2/6; Tubers 5/-.
- SOMERTON LAVENDER (H.C.)—One of the most outstanding new varieties this season, and easily our best lavender; blooms have size, 9 inch; beautiful refined formation, and 100 per cent. stems. Plants 2/-; Tubers 4/-.
- VAL ROSE (D.)—Deep, rich plum, shading lighter at tips of florets. Blooms from 9 to 11 inch, are carried on long, stiff stems. A formal dahlia of outstanding merit. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.
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- VILLERS BRETONNEUX (D.)—Rich blood red, lightly suffused gold at tips of florets and at centre. 9 to 10 inch. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- VALMA (H.C.)—A medium Hyb. with a lovely colour, deep bronze with a gold centre, long stiff stems; a very attractive variety. Plants, 2/-; Tubers, 4/-.
- WOODLANDS TRIUMPH (H.C.)—Bronze, a med. to large Hyb. with good formation and perfect stems. Plants only 2/-.
- WILLIAM E. BUCKLEY (H.C.)—Easily the best of its colour, and one of the finest of all Hyb. Cactus; colour is a rich salmon pink with lemon at base of petals; blooms, up to 8 inch, have lovely formation, perfect stems and centres that remain closed all season. Championship winner 1943. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.
- WHITE ACE (H.C.)—Blooms 9 to 10 inch, with long stiff stems. Although not so refined as "Ballego's Surprise," you may find it easier to grow than that variety. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- WALTER MEISTERTUCK (H.C.)—7 to 8 inch, deep clear yellow, with formation that places it in championship class. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/-.
- XANTINE (D.)—A huge deep formal yellow; 10 inch and over with a 6 inch depth. Plants 2/-; Tubers 2/6.

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(D.)—Decorative.

ARTIST (C.)—Yellow, overlaid cherry; a spectacular miniature. Plants 1/6; Tubers 3/-.

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ANDREA'S ORANGE (C.)—A brilliant true orange miniature cactus. Very outstanding. Plants 1/6; Tubers 2/6.

ALAN CARTER (C.)—Cyclamen shaded cream; a lovely dahlia in championship class. Plants 1/3.

BRIAN CURLEY (C.)—Pale cream, suffused and lightly tipped mauve; a very outstanding charm, with great depth. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.

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- FIREFLARE (C.)—A well-formed charm freely produced on long stiff stems; colour, persimmon. Extra for either garden or show purposes. Plants only 2/-.
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- KITTY COLMAN (D.)—A fine miniature informal decorative on long, clean, stiff stems; colour pure pink. Plants, 2/6; Tubers, 4/-.
- KENSINGTON RADIANCE (C.)—Bronze, suffused vieux rose shading, salmon towards centre. Extra good. Plants 1/3; Tubers 2/-.
- LADY'S FANCY (C.)—Lemon with rich mauve suffusion; a lovely refined cactus, and very outstanding. Plants 2/-; Tubers 3/6.
- M. ROWLINGS (D.)—Salmon shades; an outstanding decorative charm after the type of Glorious. Plants only 2/-.
- MAE (C.)—Deep salmon rose; a most striking, free-flowering variety for garden display and decoration; good all season. Plants, 1/6; Tubers, 2/6.
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- MELVA STOKES (C.)—Orange scarlet, brightly tipped gold; an attractive miniature. Plants, 2/-; Tubers, 4/-.
- MRS. C. W. STONE (C.)—Vermillion, suffused with gold, white at tips of florets. Outstanding for garden display. Plants 1/3; Tubers 2/6.
- NOLA (C.)—Light salmon of good form and full centres all season. Plants, 1/6; Tubers, 3/-.
- RED MILL (C.)—Bright red. Plants 1/3.
- RUSTONE (C.)—Color russett; a very fine variety. Plants 1/6.
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- VERA (C.)—Rosy pink; a perfectly formed exhibition variety on extra long stems; an outstanding charm. Plants, 2/-.
- VALETTA (C.)—Lemon suffused and petals edged pink; a lovely charm that is good for all purposes. Plants, 1/6; Tubers, 2/6.
- VIOLET PRIMROSE (C.)—A perfectly formed charm with a beautiful colour combination violet and primrose. Plants only 2/-.
- WESBURN (C.)—Cream overlaid cerise rose; a miniature of perfect formation and great depth; centre remains closed all season. An outstanding 1943 prize winner. Plants, 2/-; Tubers, 4/-.
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